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Pursuant to a call by the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Special Session in the Bonneville Hotel on the 31st day of March, 1964, at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering several items of business in need of Council attention or action. There were present at said Meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Nelson, Page, Parish, Keller, Leahy. Absent: Councilman Freeman. Also present; Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Ralph Albaugh and Ted Pike, from the City Attorney firm of Albaugh, Bloem, Smith and Pike; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; Luther Jenkins, Controller.

This proposed letter, as prepared by the Mayor, was read by the City Clerk:

March 27, 1964

Mr. Ferris G. Gilkey
Bonneville Power Administration
P. O. Box 2558
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Ferris:

After close examination of the summaries of the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed construction program for 1965, may I convey to you our extreme pleasure with the planning included as it pertains to Southern Idaho.

All indications are that the rapid growth rate experienced in the City of Idaho Falls over the past fifteen years will continue; and in view of this fact, the City of Idaho Falls is vitally concerned with having an adequate supply of power to meet the anticipated demand. We understand that without a supply of power in addition to that being produced by the Bureau of Reclamation plants in Southern Idaho, a shortage will occur within two years from this date. The availability of low-cost BPA power is of extreme importance to the economic development of the City of Idaho Falls and all of Southern Idaho; and any restrictions because of shortage of power affecting the City of Idaho Falls will also exert an adverse effect on the entire area.

Revenue from the City of Idaho Falls' electrical system provides a multitude of services for 37,000 residents, and permits the operation of other City functions at a greatly reduced tax rate. A much needed improvement program for the City of Idaho Falls' electrical system could not have been initiated without the savings of \$200,000 to be realized in 1964 as a result of purchasing BPA power. Additional savings anticipated in future years because of the BPA contract will provide funds to complete the improvement program and make possible further reduction in rates to the ultimate consumer.

In order to continue receiving the benefits from BPA power listed above, it is imperative that the City of Idaho Falls be assured of an uninterrupted supply of power.

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The City of Idaho Falls is significantly aware of the importance of the planning for a transmission inertia to Southern Idaho as included in the 1956 BPA construction program. Therefore, the Mayor and City Council of Idaho Falls officially endorse the construction of a Bonneville Power Administration Southern Idaho transmission line and strongly urge appropriation of funds for its construction at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,
s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
Mayor
City of Idaho Falls, Idaho

After some discussion it was proposed by Councilman Page and generally agreed that mailing of this letter be deferred, pending the receipt of conclusive evidence that private utilities have refused or do not have the facilities for wheeling BPA power into this area.

This letter in rough draft was read by the Public Works Director who recommended that the Mayor be authorized to sign and forward to the State Highway Engineer:

Mr. G. Bryce Bennett
State Highway Engineer
Department of Highways
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We are writing with reference to your letter of October 22nd regarding the relocation of U. S. Highway 20 between the Johns' Hole River Crossing and Ucon. Be advised that your District 6 and the city Engineer Department have mutually developed two alternate plans for City connection routes to this freeway.

These proposals have been subjected to public hearings, and as a result on March 9th the Mayor and City Council formally adopted the plan which includes the relocation of Anderson Street.

We are enclosing herewith a print of the drawings showing the proposal approved by the Council.

Sincerely yours,
s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
Mayor

cc: City Engineer

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It was moved by Councilman Page, seconded by Keller, that the Mayor be so authorized, with the understanding that it be amended to state that this approval in no way be interpreted that the City's financial responsibility, relative to this project, has as yet been resolved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, None; carried.

Condemnation of a portion of the Johnson farm property was discussed. The City Attorney advised that condemnation proceedings, if authorized, include a right of way for Woodruff Avenue through the Johnson farm as well as a right of way for the widening of that portion of 9th Street. The City Attorney informed the Council that, once the property was appraised, the court would probably permit the City to improve 9th Street. It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Nelson, that the City Attorney proceed with condemnation proceedings as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, None; carried.

Public Works Director Lloyd presented this memo, relative to the "A" Street Railroad Crossing:

3-25-64

TO: Mayor and Public Works Councilman
FROM: Don Lloyd
SUBJECT: "A" STREET RAILROAD CROSSING

The Railroad Company has answered our request for track and switch relocation to facilitate a more desirable grade crossing at Broadway and "A" Streets. The Railroad Company will do all the work in connection with the removal of these tracks and switches, and construct the crossings to within 2 feet of the outside rails for a cost to the City of \$7,100. This new proposal will also provide additional off street parking of approximately 34 cars.

On January 10, 1963, the Railroad Company provided us an estimate of \$4,560 for the installation of "A" Street crossing 3 tracks and having 4 tracks at Broadway. In light of the benefits derived, I would recommend that this plan be approved and the attached letter be sent to the Railroad Company.

In that connection this proposed letter was presented:

March 25, 1964

Mr. C. B. Lisher, Supt.
Union Pacific Railroad Co.
Pocatello, Idaho

Dear Mr. Lisher:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13th covering a proposal for the "A" Street and Broadway grade crossings. Be advised that the City of Idaho Falls approved the proposal

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as shown on Exhibit Plan B. Further, the City agrees to reimburse the Railroad Company for the actual cost of construction of the "A" Street crossing and removing and rearranging the tracks and switches as proposed, it being understood that the cost will not exceed \$7,100.

We appreciate your cooperation and are looking forward to a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Sincerely yours,
s/ Donald F. Lloyd
Public Works Director
and City Engineer

Approved: s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
Mayor

cc: L. Jenkins

It was moved by Councilman Page, seconded by Leahy, that this expenditure, not to exceed \$7,100, be approved and the Public Works Director be authorized to forward the letter accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, None; carried.

Councilman Leahy reported that a meeting of all Police Officers was scheduled for April 2nd and a paper was presented which he proposed be distributed. The paper outlined Police activities and responsibilities as interpreted by the Mayor and Council and covered such matters as conduct, third party discussion, grievances, complaints, merit recognition etc. It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Page, that the Mayor and all Councilmembers be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, None; carried.

In this same connection, Leahy read Section 50-207 of the Idaho Code having to do with Civil Service regulations and covering such matters as behavior, privileges, in competency, dishonesty, mental and physical unfitness, etc. Leahy said it was the Police Committee's goal to get all officers heading in a common direction. Attorney Pike commented to the effect that, in his opinion, discipline and chain of command is lacking and that the Chief needs the backing of the Mayor and Council. The distribution of the aforementioned Section of the Code met with general Council approval.

Lloyd presented a deed in favor of the State of Idaho, covering .036 acres between Lindsay Boulevard and River Parkway, needed by the Highway Department for a connecting road between those two streets. It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Page, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign, subject to final checking as to form by the City Attorney. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, None; carried.

Councilman Parish noted that the Electrical Department had recently metered all City buildings to register electric consumption, including the City Library, payment of which, on this latter building, has not been forthcoming on the grounds that there is nothing budgeted for said

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expenditure. Councilman Nelson proposed, with general Council approval, that the Library Board meet with the Council for discussion and study of this problem.

Parish then asked the Mayor to instruct the City Attorney to promptly provide the Council with a legal opinion pertaining to the City Employees' retirement plan and more specifically, whether or not said plan can legally permit recognition of past services.

Councilman Nelson registered concern about the lack of budgeted funds to provide needed wage increases for certain City employees. He proposed, with general Council agreement, that all Department Heads be urged to study their Departments to eliminate any personnel not urgently needed on a full time basis and that perhaps, in this manner, certain savings could be effected which would permit some salary adjustments where needed.

Controller Jenkins proposed that the Council consider the position of a Personnel Director, answerable directly to Mayor and City Council, whose duties would consist, in part, of setting up personnel files, interviewing and analyzing applicants, establishing and reviewing job classifications and descriptions, administering the personnel policy and otherwise, strive for more congruity and balance of wages between all employees.

Councilman Page noted that the City will soon be seeking lessee for the 19th Hole restaurant at the Golf Course and that several had indicated an interest. It was generally agreed that written proposals from these parties be invited.

Public Works Director Lloyd introduced the subject of a joint policy for street maintenance and rebuilding, recognizing that, due to the severe winter, these projects must receive priority attention. He proposed that street sprinkling be discontinued, thus effecting savings of money, equipment and man power which might be diverted to street work of a more constructive and permanent nature. He pointed out that the age of some streets would prohibit additional maintenance and that, in these instances, rebuilding would be the only solution. He reminded the Council that the City has 150 miles of streets, 35 miles of which are unimproved, 50 miles of which are in need of maintenance attention. According to Lloyd, the City has been losing ground on its seal coating program. Needless to say, concluded Lloyd, the required work would far exceed the amount budgeted.

City Attorney Albaugh explained that street improvement districts can be created to rebuild existing streets, at the discretion of the Council. He said the City may participate in this cost, if deemed justified, due to extenuating circumstances, such as the width of the street or the relatively short time the street has been in service. No Council action was considered in order, until a complete and thorough study of the problem had been made.

There being no other business, it was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Page, that the Meeting adjourn. Carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
